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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it narrows the issues on appeal and does not require further search by the Examiner.

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-27 and 36 were pending in this application. Claims 1-19 and 36 were allowed, and claims 20-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hidding, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,307,945. The rejected claims have been canceled, leaving only allowed claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-19 and 36, all the claims presently pending in the application, are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

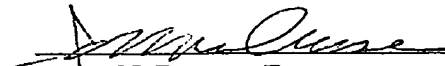
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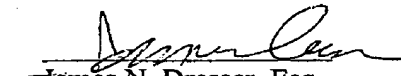
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